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SUBJECT:SSOD: PROPOSAL OF GHANA DIRECTED AT SOUTH AFRICA

REF: USUN 2529

1. USDEL SHOULD EXPRESS TO GHANAIS THE FOLLOWING CONCERNS
REGARDING ITS PROPOSED LANGUAGE ON "RACIST REGIMES":

A. GHANAIS LANGUAGE AND THE SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVES DO NOT
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MENTION THE MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO IMPOSED ON SOUTH AFRICA
BY SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 418. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT
ANY SSOD LANGUAGE ON THIS SUBJECT NOTE THE EMBARGO AND BE
DRAFTED BEARING IN MIND THAT NO EVIDENCE HAS COME TO LIGHT
THAT THIS EMBARGO IS BEING VIOLATED BY ANY UN MEMBER.

B. DECISION BY WORLD COMMUNITY TO IMPOSE NUCLEAR ISOLATION

ON SOUTH AFRICA COULD WELL MERELY FORCE THAT NATION TO EXPAND UPON ITS OWN INDIGENOUS NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES TO PRODUCE ITS OWN NUCLEAR SYSTEMS. IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO PREVENT SOUTH AFRICA FROM DEVELOPING A NUCLEAR CAPACITY. THIS BEING SO, IT WOULD BE FAR BETTER FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO HAVE SOUTH AFRICA'S NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT SUBJECT TO THE STRICTURES OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND IAEA SAFEGUARDS.

C. THE EXISTING SC ARMS EMBARGO SATISFACTORILY DEALS WITH THE PROBLEM GHANA IS TRYING TO GET AT THROUGH ITS LANGUAGE. NO ACTION BY THE SSOD COULD IMPROVE UPON THE SC'S EXISTING MANDATORY SANCTIONS CONSEQUENTLY, WE FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER SIMPLY TO DROP THE GHANAIAN LANGUAGE.

2. IN LIKELY EVENT THAT GHANAIS REFUSE TO DELETE THEIR LANGUAGE, USDEL SHOULD ATTEMPT TO MODIFY AS FOLLOWS:
"IT IS IMPORTANT TO PREVENT THE ACQUISITION OF ARMS AND ARMS TECHNOLOGY BY RACIST REGIMES THROUGH STRICT ADHERENCE BY ALL STATES TO THE TERMS OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS IMPOSING SANCTIONS ON THE SHIPMENTS OF ARMS TO AND VARIOUS ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST RACIST REGIMES. MOREOVER, THE ACQUISITION BY RACIST REGIMES OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS OF ANY SORT PRESENTS AN INCREASINGLY DANGEROUS OBSTACLE AND CHALLENGE TO A WORLD COMMUNITY FACED WITH
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THE NEED TO DISARM."

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